Public Chapter 440

HOUSE BILL NO. 533

By Representative Kent

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 858

By Senator Haun

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to the employment and training of police officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-111, is amended by deleting the first sentence of subdivision (f)(1) and by substituting instead the following: All sheriffs shall complete annual in-service training as set forth in this subsection and shall receive cash salary supplement as provided by the commission for police officers.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-111, is further amended by deleting subsection (f)(2) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(f)(2) Sheriffs successfully completing such annual training shall receive cash salary supplements in the same manner and under the same conditions as set forth in this part for police officers, except that the commission shall make the funds for salary supplements available to the appropriate counties for payment to sheriffs.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-111, is further amended by deleting subsections (f)(3) and (f)(4) in their entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(f)(3) The commission shall issue to any sheriff successfully completing recruit training, or possessing its equivalency, and completing continuing annual training, a sheriff's certificate of compliance in the manner in which it issues police officers' certificates of compliance. A sheriff already holding any certificate of compliance from the commission may request the commission to recognize such sheriff's certification. A sheriff receiving a certificate of compliance has a continuing duty to meet all requirements as set forth in this section and Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-8-102. In the event a person holding a police officer's certificate of compliance assumes the office of sheriff, the commission shall substitute for the police officer certificate, a sheriff's certificate of compliance.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.